

“NEIGHBORHOODS THAT WORK”

Award Recipients, 2001

Ward 1 – Chuck Beaty

Category 1: Friends of Mt. Rubidoux (President: George Flower)

Friends of Mt. Rubidoux has done a lot to not only maintain/preserve the mountain and its trails for the rest of the community but to enhance the neighborhood around the mountain in the process. They provide the eyes and ears for the neighborhood and increase a sense of security and community at its base. Activities include regular graffiti cleanups and general trail maintenance. They also provide plastic bag dispensers for dog owners' use, trash cans, and mileage markers. Members have donated seating along the trail and walk the mountain daily. Membership in this group is open to anyone interested!

Category 2: Colony Heights Historic Neighborhood Association (Chair: David McNiel)

Colony Heights Historic Neighborhood Association was organized in the mid-90's and 78 homes are members. Through the association, the neighborhood was able to establish itself as a Historic District. Activities include seasonal alley clean-ups, mobile crime watch rotated among the neighbors, a quarterly newsletter, regular organization meetings, and block parties. The neighborhood installed neighborhood signage for their historic district and was one of the first neighborhoods to successfully lobby for traffic humps (Redwood Drive). They were also successful in having a stop sign installed at Redwood Drive and Fourth Street to further calm traffic. This group has been held up as a model for other neighborhood organizations, and their leadership has made themselves available to help other neighborhoods organize. Boundaries of the association are Redwood Drive, Mission Inn Avenue, Third Street, and Pine Street.

Category 3: Heritage Square Neighborhood Association (Chair: James Youden)

The residents of Heritage Square are united in their love of their old homes and the hard work that they have put into not only the structures but the neighborhood as well. Their neighborhood has been in a revitalization upswing with the many dollar houses and move-ons that have been lovingly restored. The neighbors contributed to establishment of a historic district and are working to establish guidelines for renovation. They have also been instrumental in traffic calming, improved street lighting, and this fall/winter two of their member homes will be featured on Home and Garden TV! This group meets regularly to discuss and work on neighborhood improvement and quality of life issues. They also are host to the Twelfth Night fundraiser put on every year to benefit the Old Riverside Foundation. Boundaries of the association are First to Fifth, Mulberry to Orange.